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SUBJ: KOREA AT 29TH UNGA: MAURITIUS

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1. MAURITIUS PERMREP RAMPHUL TOLD MISOFF NOV 18 THAT MAURITIUS WILL VOTE "YES" ON FRIENDLY KOREAN RES AND ABSTAIN OR BE ABSENT FOR HOSTILE RES.

2. AT WORKING LEVEL MEETING WITH ROK ON NOV 19, ROK MINISTER HAM REQUESTED THAT WE RAISE THIS ISSUE AGAIN IN PORT LOUIS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN COMMITMENT FROM MAURITIUS TO OPPOSE HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

3. IF DEPT HAS NO OBJECTIONS, SUGGEST EMBASSY LOBBY FOR VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE RES WHICH WE NOW EXPECT TO BE PUT TO VOTE EVEN IF OUR RES PASSES.

4. FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS MAY PROVE USEFUL:
A) WE DID NOT DESIRE DEBATE THIS YEAR AND WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT A PROPAGANDISTIC OR ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE IS NOT PRODUCTIVE IN TERMS OF SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE. NEVERTHELESS, IN FACE OF NORTH KOREAN INTRANSIGENCE, FRIENDLY RES CLOSELY FOLLOWING THE WORDING OF LAST YEARS' CONSENSUS HAS BEEN TABLED. WE APPRECIATE MAURITIUS

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SUPPORT OF FRIENDLY RES BUT URGE IT TO VOTE AGAINST

HOSTILE ONE WHICH CONTRADICTS SPIRIT OF LAST YEAR'S
CONSENSUS.

B) REFTEL (A) REPORTED THAT PRIMIN/FONMIN RAMGOOLAM SAID THAT
HE GAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO GOM UN DEL TO "VOTE FOR SOUTH KOREA"
IN UNGA AND REFTEL (B) REPORTED THAT MINISTER OF HOUSING
MOHAMED TOLD ASS SECY EASUM THAT MAURITIUS WOULD SIDE WITH
US ON KOREA ISSUE.

C) ROK AND USG INTERPRET THESE STATEMENTS TO IMPLY
OPPOSITION BY GOM TO HOSTILE RESOLUTION WHICH CALLS FOR
INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTH KOREA, MAKES NO
MENTION OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, WHICH HAS GUARANTEED PEACE
ON KOREAN PENINSULA FOR 21 YEARS, MISREPRESENTS HISTORICAL
FACT CONCERNING NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AND DISREGARDS ROLE OF
SECURITY COUNCIL IN ESTABLISHING UN COMMAND AND IN MAINTAINING
PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

D) HOSTILE RESOLUTION CANNOT ACCURATELY BE DESCRIBED AS
"NON-ALIGNED" RES SINCE SOME NON-ALIGNED VOTING AGAINST AND
OTHERS ABSTAINING.

5. DURING CONVERSATION WITH MISOFF RAMPHUL RAISED POINT THAT UN
COMMENT HAS NOT REPORTED TO THE UN IN YEARS. THIS IS LINE NORTH
KOREANS ARE SPREADING AT UN. FACTS ARE THAT BOTH UNC AND UNCURK
UNTIL ITS DISSOLUTION LAST YEAR, MADE PERIODIC REPORTS TO THE UN,
AS APPROPRIATE. THE UNC AS SIGNATORY TO THE MILITARY ARMISTICE
AND MEMBER OF THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION PREPARES A
YEARLY REPORT ON NORTH KOREAN VIOLATIONS OF THE ARMISTICE. THE
USG HAS NOT FORWARDED THESE REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL
SINCE 1970 IN AN EFFORT TO DAMP DOWN CONTENTION BETWEEN THE
NORTH AND SOUTH HERE AT THE UN. RAMPHUL MAY HAVE REPORTED
NORTH KOREAN STATEMENTS ABOUT LACK OF REPORTING FORM UNC, AND
QUESTION COULD BE RAISED IN PORT LOUIS.

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